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MEET **METEOR-MAN**...
BIGGER THAN *BOTH* OF THEM
AND LOTS *LOTS* NASTIER!

While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers... and had, in effect, become a human spider...

STAN LEE PRESENTS: THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!

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"SHEESH! NEW YORK COULDN'T BE ASKED FOR A BRISKER, NICER EVENING— AND I GOTTA WASTE IT HALL-CRAWLING ACROSS THE EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY TO DELIVER A FURSHLUGGINER, DO-CHEEN PAPER!"

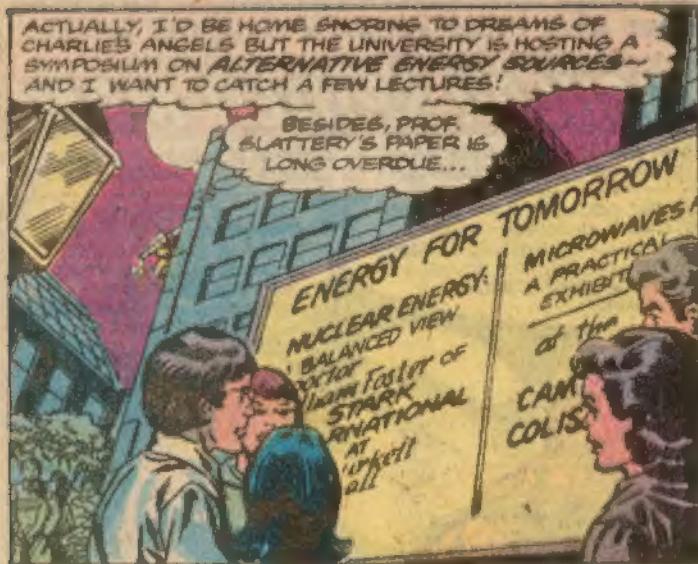
"BUT I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN! WITH MY LUCK, I COULD BE IN A DARK ALLEY GETTING MY RISSES BLOWN BY SOME HYPERACTIVE WACKO!"

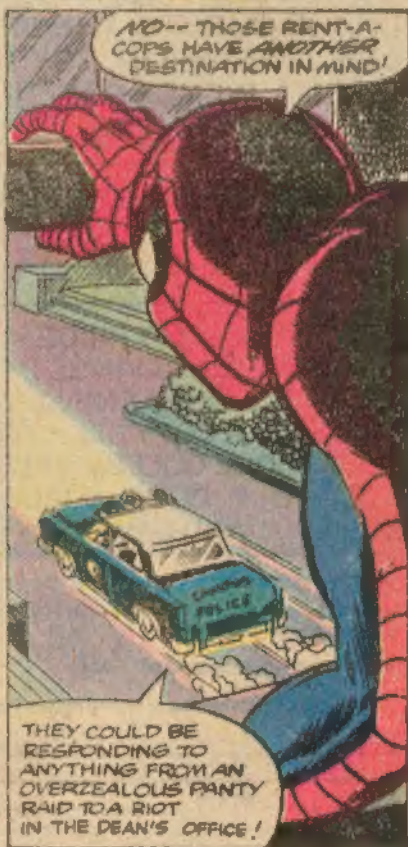
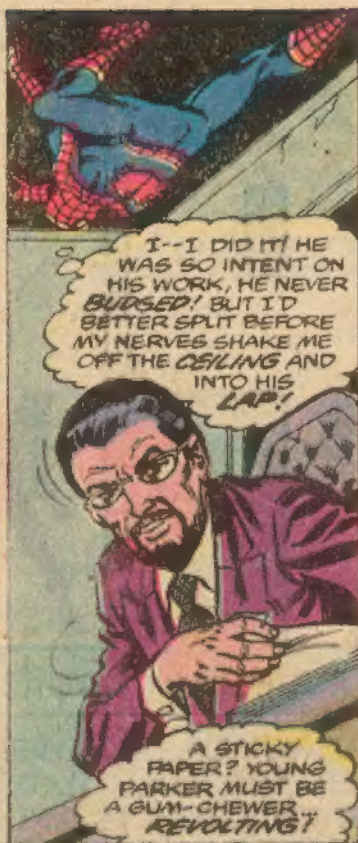
"STILL, AFTER TWELVE HOURS BEHIND THE TYPEWRITER, I'D ALMOST RATHER FACE A HORDE OF MY OLD SUPER-FOES THAN ANOTHER SHEET OF EATON'S CORRASABLE BOND..."

"...ALMOST, BUT NOT QUITE!"

METEOR MADNESS!

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THIRTY SECONDS LATER, THE SECURITY CAR ARRIVES AT THE E.S.U. COLISEUM! TEMPORARILY CLOSED, THIS MASSIVE STRUCTURE CURRENTLY HOUSES AN EXHIBITION DEVOTED TO THE APPLICATIONS OF MICROWAVE ENERGY...



LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THE HOLE!

THIS AIN'T YOUR EVERY-DAY CAMPUS VANDALISM!

GO EASY, BARRY! NO TELLIN' WHAT'S WAITING FOR US IN THERE!



NO SWEAT, MAN! I WANTA COLLECT MY PENSION TOO!

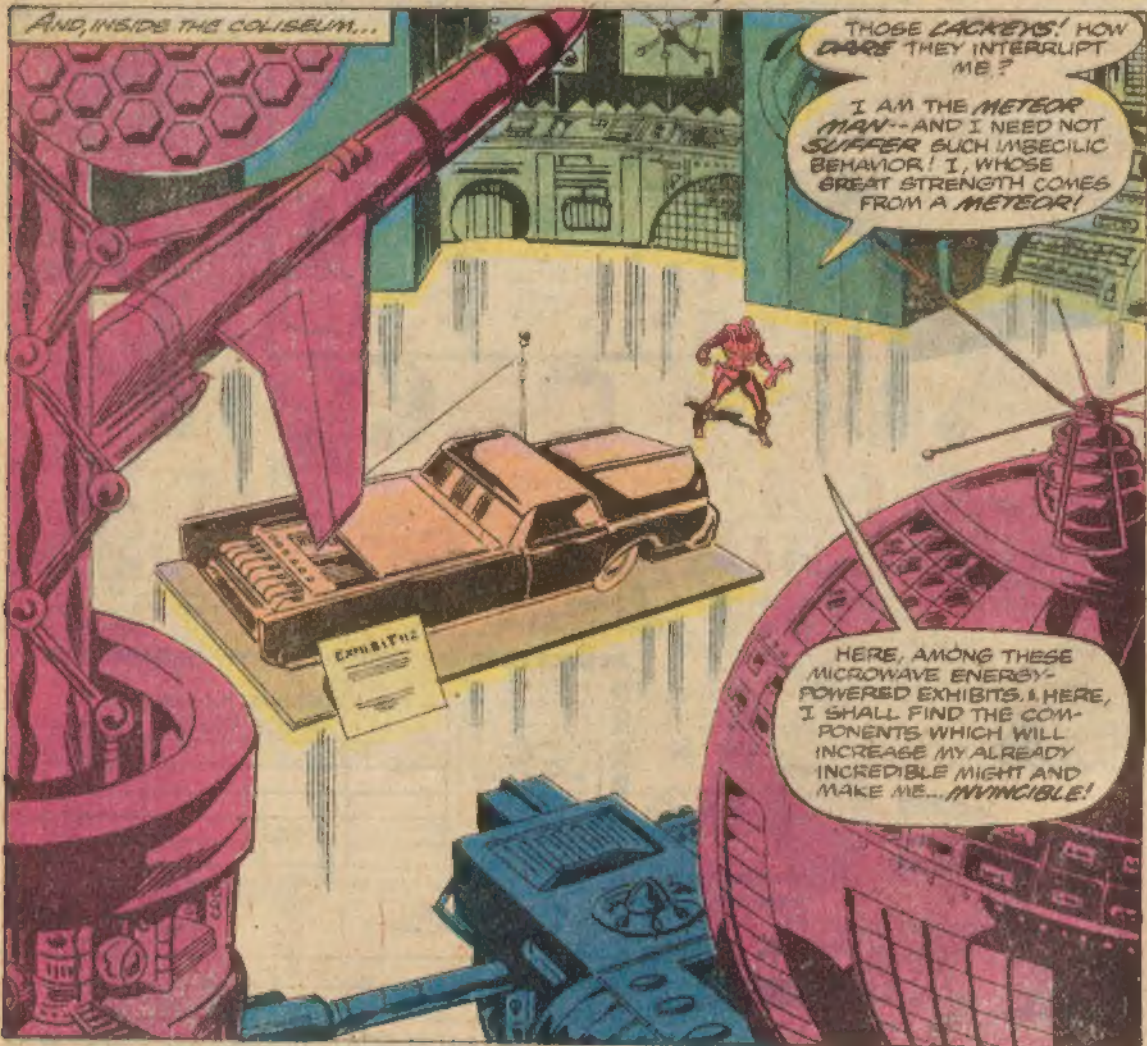
QUIETLY AND CAUTIOUSLY, THE SECURITY MEN ENTER!

THEY DO NOT LEAVE IT THE SAME WAY...

FOOLS! YOUR GUNS ARE NO MATCH FOR MY AWESOME STRENGTH! I'LL SMASH YOU AS EASILY AS I DID THIS WALL THROUGH WHICH I ENTERED!



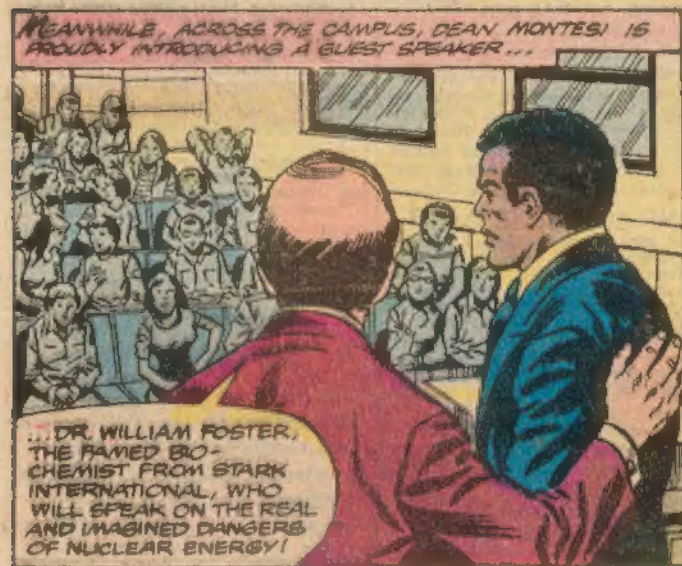
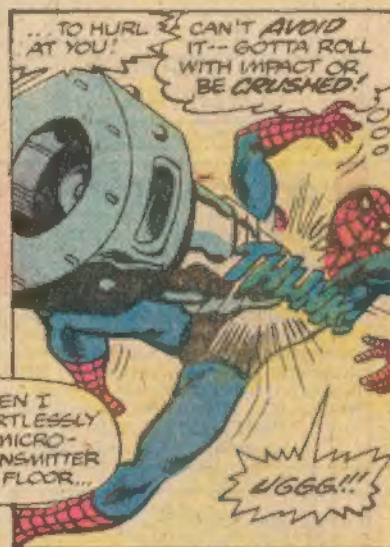
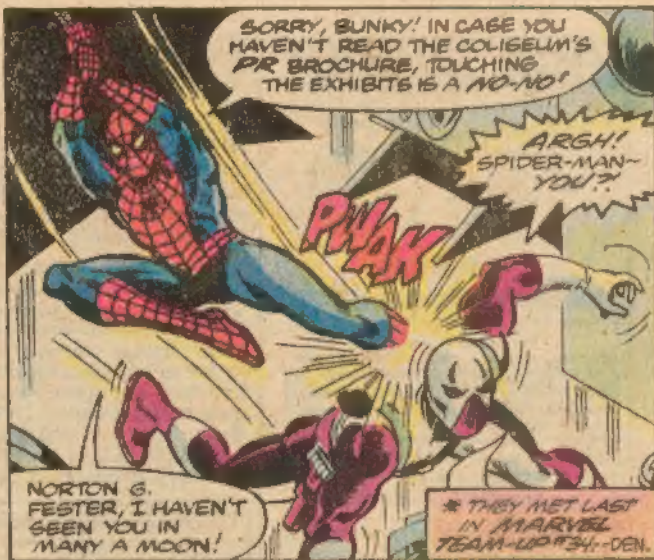
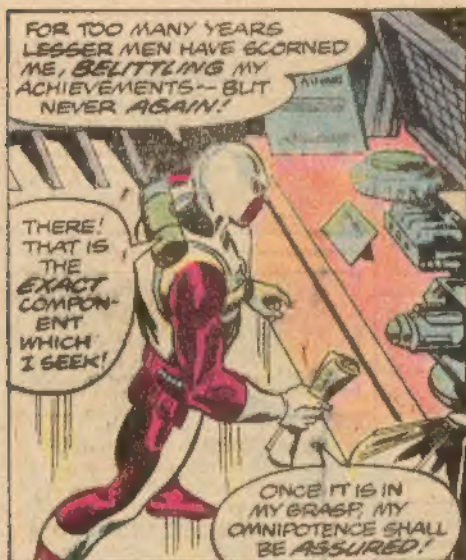
AND, INSIDE THE COLISEUM...



THOSE LACKEYS! HOW DARE THEY INTERRUPT ME?

I AM THE METEOR MAN--AND I NEED NOT SUFFER SUCH IMSECILIC BEHAVIOR! I, WHOSE GREAT STRENGTH COMES FROM A METEOR!

HERE, AMONG THESE MICROWAVE ENERGY-POWERED EXHIBITS, I HERE, I SHALL FIND THE COMPONENTS WHICH WILL INCREASE MY ALREADY INCREDIBLE MIGHT AND MAKE ME... INVINCIBLE!



A LECTURE OR A FIGHT? THE CAREFREE COLLEGE STUDENTS DO NOT HESITATE TO MAKE THE OBVIOUS SELECTION...



WA-HOO!

HURRY!
THE COPS ARE
BLOCKING OFF
THE AREA!

WHILE IN THE AUDITORIUM...

OH, MY! DR.
FOSTER, PLEASE
EXCUSE...



DR.
FOSTER?
WHERE...?

OUTSIDE...

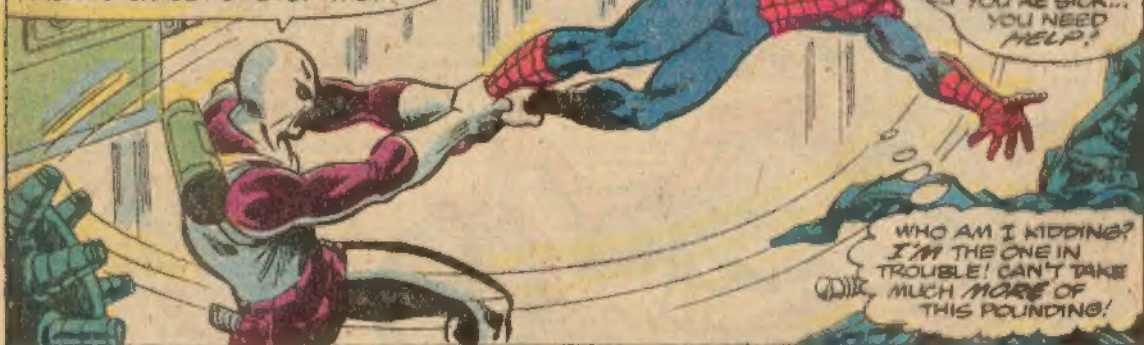
HATE TO
SKIP MY OWN
LECTURE, BUT SPIDER-MAN
MAY NEED HELP!



NOT FROM
WILLIAM
BARRETT
FOSTER, PH.D...
BUT FROM
HIS ABONIZING
ALTER EGO...
GIANT-MAN!

EVEN AS BILL FOSTER RACES TOWARD THE SITE OF THE DISTURBANCE, THE METEOR MAN CONTINUES HIS TERRIFIC ONSLAUGHT...

IN THE PAST--YOU HAVE BADGERED ME! BUT TONIGHT I STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF INVINCIBILITY--AND YOU SHALL NOT STOP ME!



FESTER,
YOU'RE SICK...
YOU NEED
HELP!

WHO AM I KIDDING?
I'M THE ONE IN
TROUBLE! CAN'T TAKE
MUCH MORE OF
THIS POUNDING!

A TWELVE FOOT FIGURE CHOOSES THAT PRECISE MOMENT TO MAKE HIS DRAMATIC ENTRANCE...



PUT THAT MAN DOWN
...VERY GENTLY!

A-A
GIANT???

CRETIN, I
FEAR NO MAN!
IF YOU WANT
SPIDER-MAN--



YOU SHALL
HAVE HIM!

WHOW!

SO GREAT IS THE
IMPACT THAT BOTH
HEROES GAVIN THE
LENGTH OF THE COLISEUM!

FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, SILENCE HAUNTS THE EXHIBITION HALL... THEN, SLOWLY AND PAINFULLY, GIANT-MAN FINDS HIS FEET...

STAY DOWN, FOOL! THOUGH YOU TOWER ABOVE ME, I'LL SEE YOU DEAD!

MAYBE...

BUT I'VE GOT TO TRY AND FLATTEN YOU... GOT TO PROVE THAT GIANT-MAN IS NO SECOND-STRINGER!

YOU DARE ATTACK ME?

DON'T--!

BUT SPIDER-MAN'S DESPERATE PLAN IS LOST AS...

HE-- HE KNOCKED ME THROUGH THE WALL...

KWASH!

ENOUGH! MY REAL MISSION AWAITS!

METEOR-MIND JUST SWIFTED A MICROWAVE GENERATOR FOR PARTS-- NOW HE'S SPITTING!

HOWEVER, OUTSIDE...

THE POLICE-- SWARMING ABOUT ME!

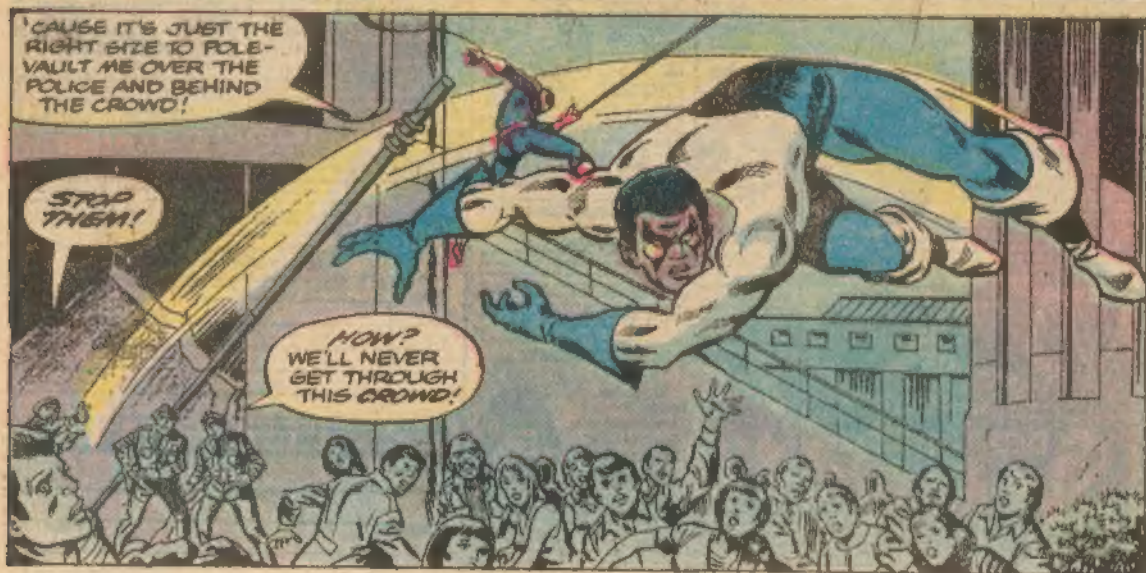
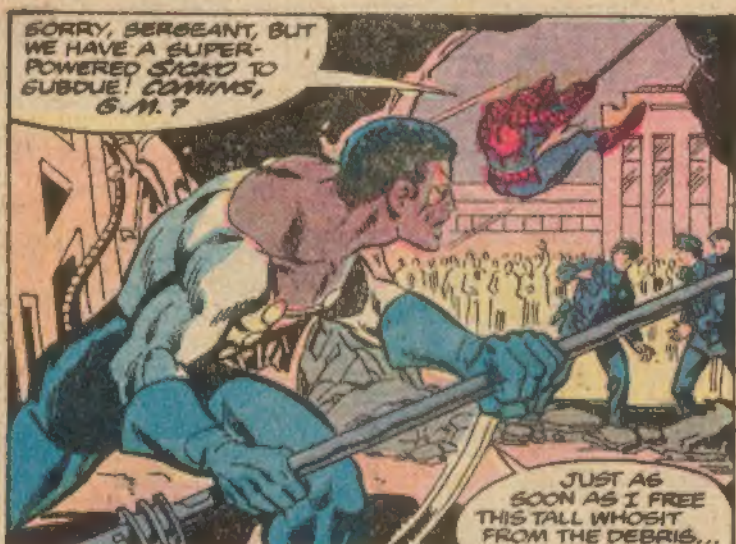
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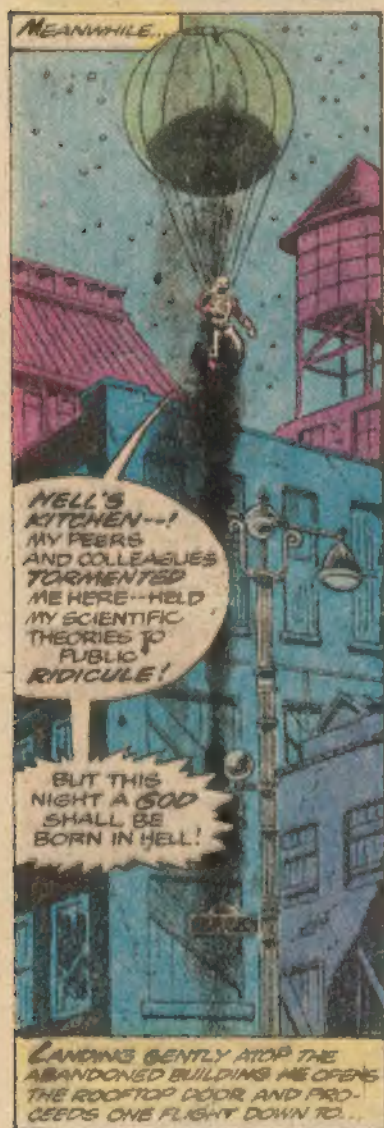
MERELY MY HELIUM BALLOON... WHICH MAKES ALL YOUR PETTY EFFORTS TO ENSNARE ME QUITE LAUGHABLE!

CAN'T RISK A SHOT... THE CROWD MIGHT PANIC!

I'M TOO CROGGY TO FOLLOW, BUT I CAN PLANT A TRACER ON 'EM!

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"I NEVER DREAMED I WOULD REACH THIS MINUTE! ONCE, I WAS A FAILURE! THEN, ONE DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS, I SAW A METEOR FALL... AND MY LIFE WAS FOREVER CHANGED..."

IT'S JUST THE TYPE I'VE BEEN SEARCHING! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT METEORS CONTAIN MICROSCOPIC LIVING MATTER!

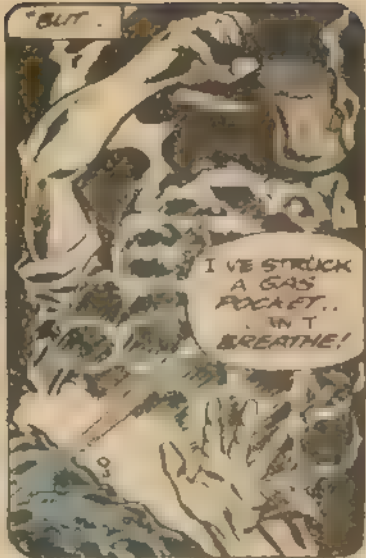


"SINCE I FLUNKED SCIENCE IN SCHOOL NO ONE WOULD FUND MY EXPERIMENTS..."



BUT I HAVE AS MUCH CHANCE AS ANYONE ELSE TO DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE!

"BUT..."



I'VE STRUCK A GAS ROCKET... IT'S BREATHING!

"I WOULD TO DISCOVER..."



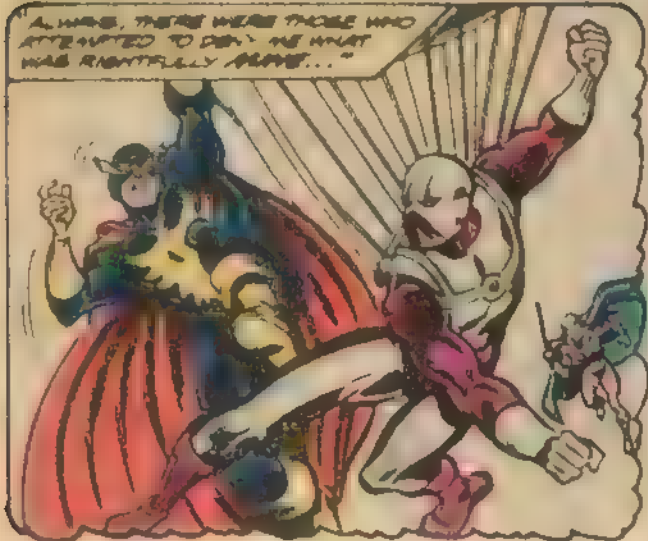
THE METEOR GAS AFFECTED ME! MY STRENGTH HAS BEEN MULTIPLIED MANY TIMES!

"SO I BOUGHT NEW METEORS TO FURTHER INCREASE MY POWER BUT THERE WERE COMPLICATIONS... SPIDER-MAN FOR ONE..."

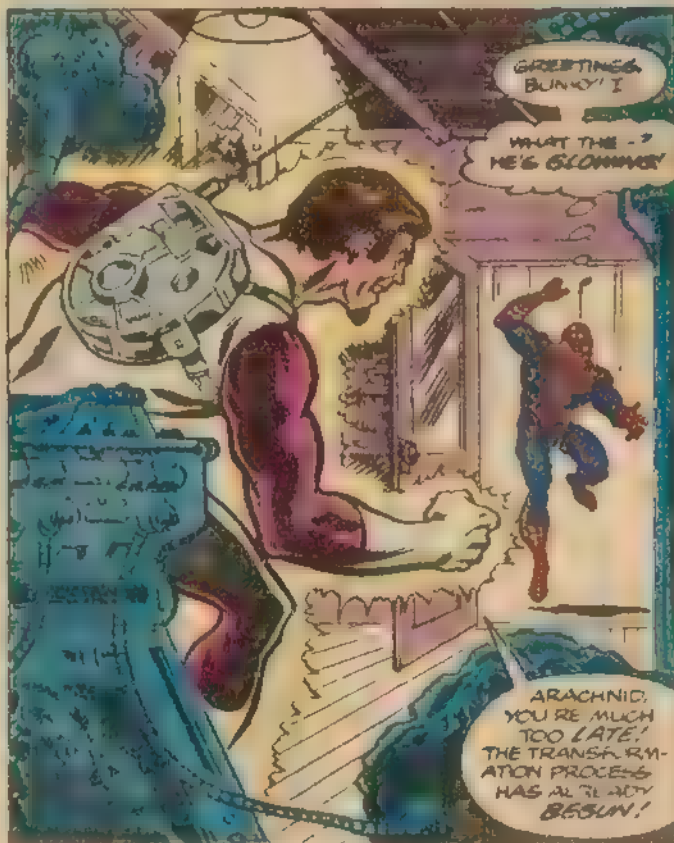


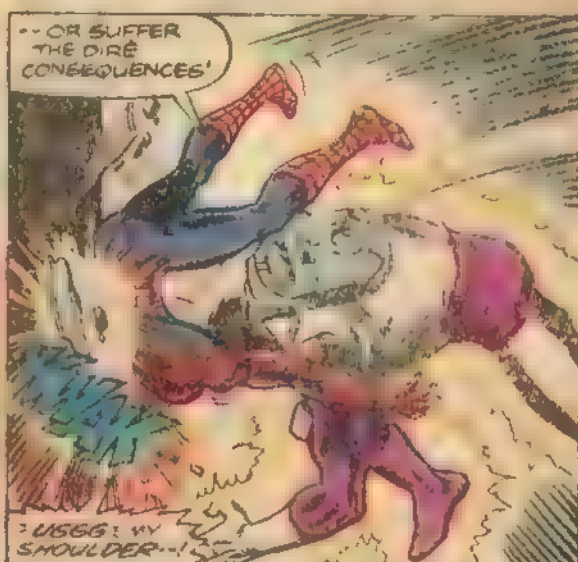
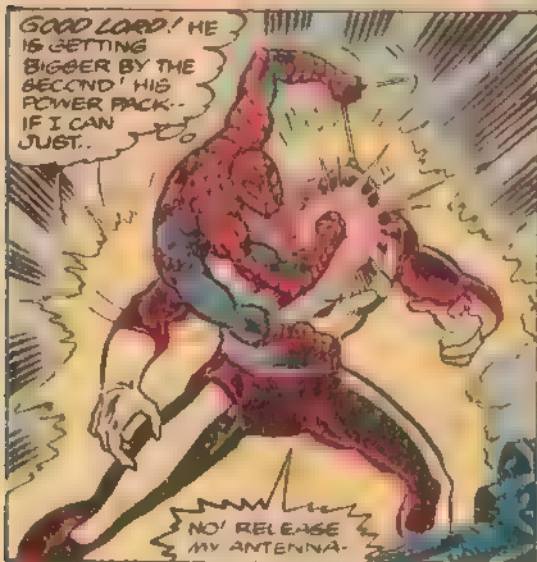
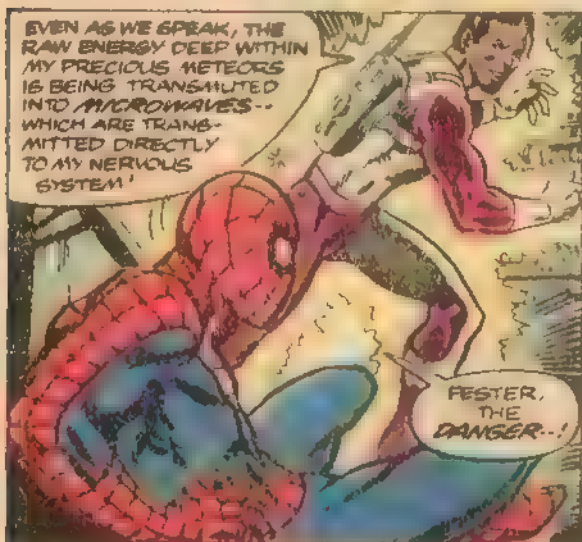
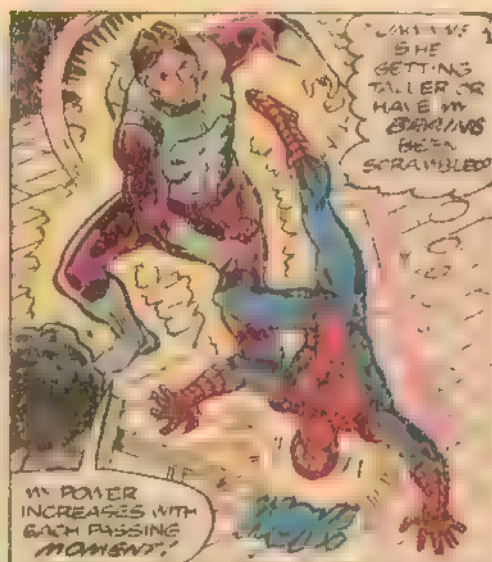
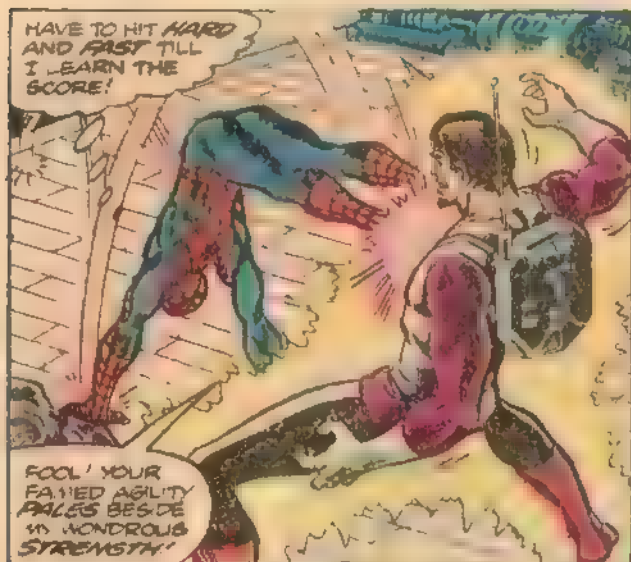
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-- DAUNTLESS DENNY

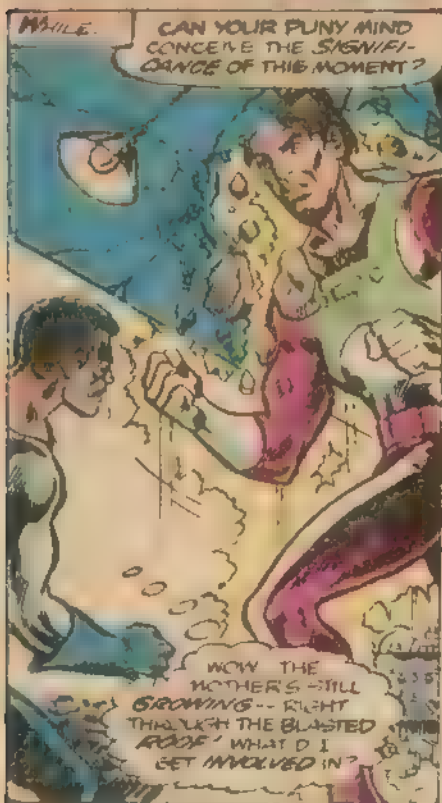
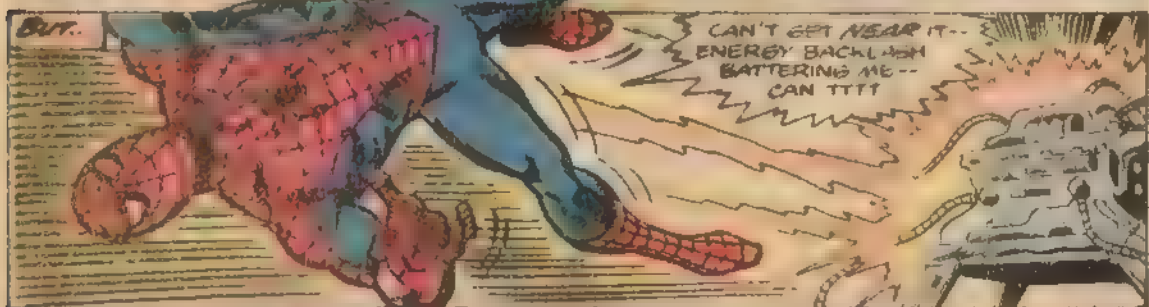
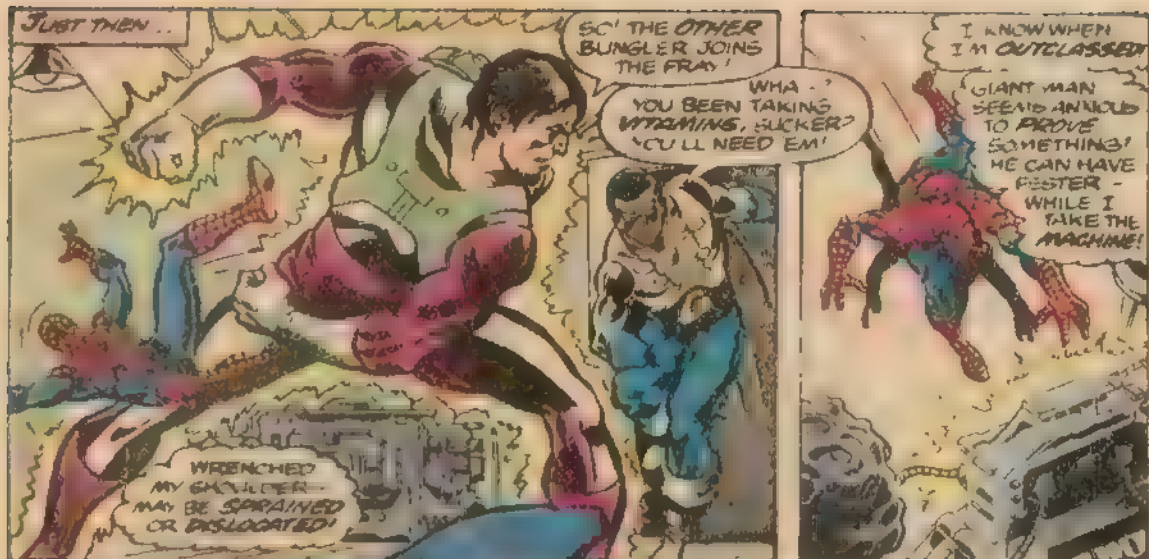
"ALWAYS, THERE WERE THOSE WHO ATTEMPTED TO DENY ME WHAT WAS RIGHTFULLY MINE..."

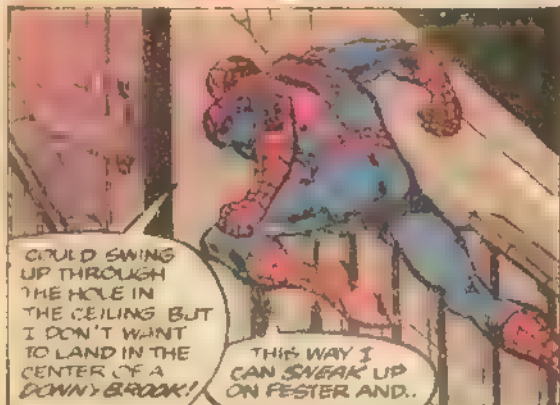
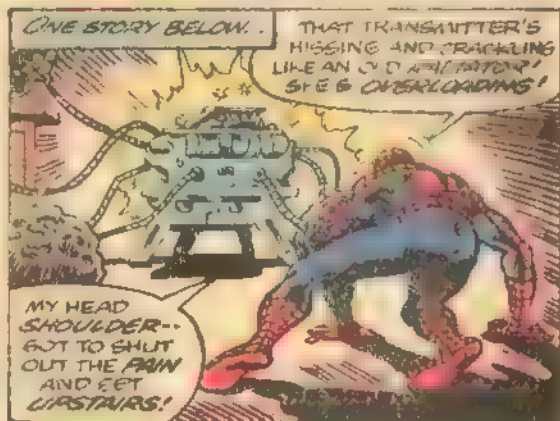
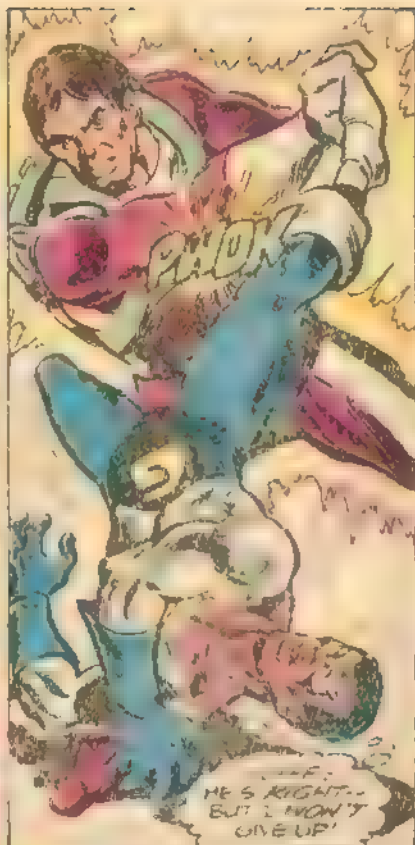


BUT THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST! FOR NOW, MY HOUR HAS COME!







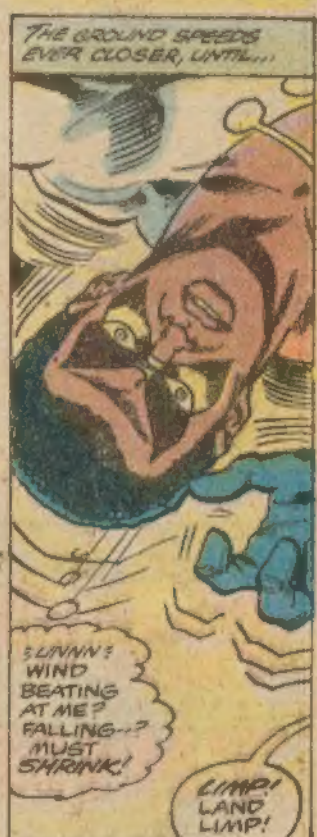
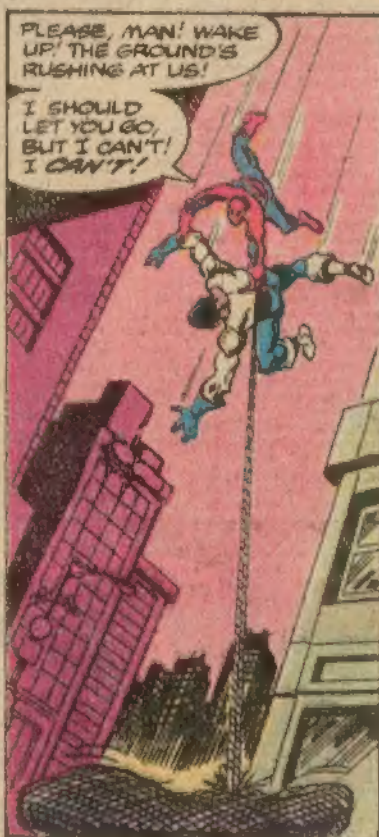
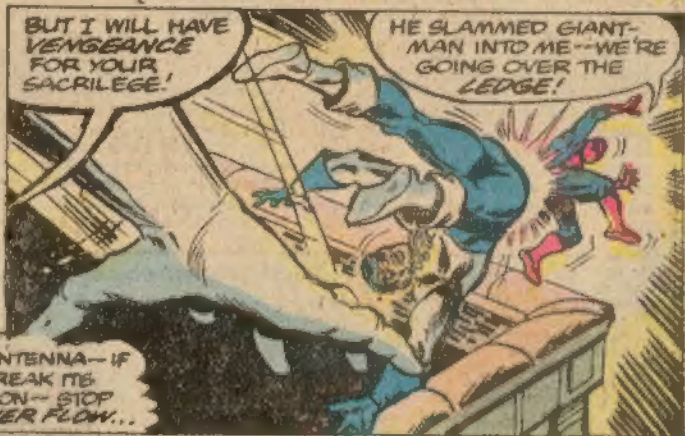
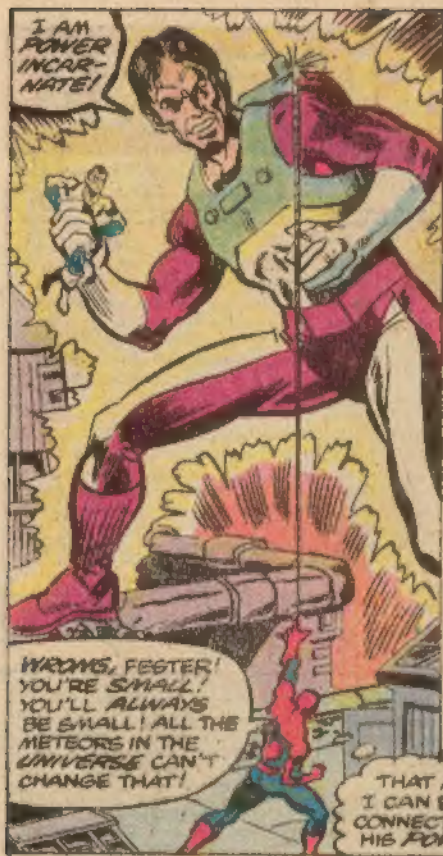


EXCELLENT! SPIDER-MAN,
YOU ARE JUST IN TIME TO
WITNESS YOUR COMRADE'S
EXECUTION.

Y URO
WILL
FOLLOW!

WHOA!

UROS
TRAPPED
AT THESE FEET!
CAN'T CHANGE
SIZE--OR HE'LL
CRUSH ME LIKE
A FLEA!



BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

You wouldn't believe it! Even I can hardly believe it! I've told you about a lot of nutty things here in the Soapbox, but this is probably the nuttiest!

Now, before you can appreciate the monstrous mix-up I'm gonna lay on you, you've gotta understand that three months go by between the time I write these wondrous words and the time you read them. In other words, this column which you're ecstatically reading right now is scheduled to appear in the mags that go on sale in the month of January, 1990. But I'm writing it on Sept. 30th, 1979! Got that? You and I, at this very moment, are separated by a three-month gap — or even a longer interval if you bought this issue 'way after its original on-sale date! (The reason is, of course, that it takes about three months to get the magazines engraved, printed, and then shipped to your friendly

neighborhood magazine seller.)

Okay, so here's what happened. When I wrote last month's Soapbox, I wanted to make sure that everyone would have a chance to watch the new Captain America TV Special which was scheduled to be shown on CBS-TV early in January. Therefore, I told you all about it last issue. Well, just yesterday, (MY yesterday, not yours!) Sept. 29th, I learned that CBS is planning to move the date up and show Cap's new movie 'sometime' in November. Instead of January! But I'd just told you that it would be shown in January — and my column was already at the printer, too late to change it!

So now you know the reason why I wrote a heavy, emotional, enthusiastic message to you last ish, telling you not to miss Cap's second TV Special — telling you not to miss a show that had

already been broadcast one or two months earlier!!! But that's not the worst of it! Just imagine if CBS changes its mind and decides to reschedule the show for January or February or whatever! This column will already be at the printer, too late to change again, and I'll have to write another confusing, long-winded apology next month! Hey, Doc Doom — where are you with your time machine now that I need you?

Well, since you're probably as confused as I am by now, I figure it's time to end this little literary litany and turn to far more important matters, such as seeing if I can still remember how to spell the most mind-boggling salutation of all —

Excelsior!

Stan

Marvel Masterpieces on sale this month!

- **INCREDIBLE HULK #246** — The space-born Captain Marvel guest-stars as the Hulk returns for the second of his dead beloved, Jarella.
- **DEFENDERS #62** — The Hulk, Dr. Strange and Sub-Mariner face the dreaded Unnameable in the fantastic realm known as "Jawollah!"
- **SHOGUN WARRIORS #16** — Rich and Damon is replaced by a villainous look-alike!
- **ROM #5** — ROM takes on a surprise villain. Hint: You've seen him before in the original Lee/Dillio Dr. Strange serial!
- **MICRONAUTS #18** — The Fabulous Fantastic Four team up with the Micronauts to do battle with Psycho-Man!
- **FANTASTIC FOUR #217** — The Disco Dazzler does her guest-star thing. Plus: the secret of Hebbie the robot revealed!
- **BATTLESTAR GALACTICA #14** — The trial of Ben Lin!
- **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #203** — Spidey and the Disco Dazzler team up against the terror known as "Lightmaster!"
- **DR. STRANGE #40** — The Master of the Mystic Arts fights for his life against Ajenar, the Angel of Death. Plus: The victory of Baron Mordo!
- **MARVEL TEAM-UP #52** — Spider-Man must rescue Ghost Rider from the clutches of Moonstar, the Magician!
- **SGT. FURY #157** — Re-presenting Sgt. Fury #63. The Howlers invade! Furious Sam Sawyer from the Reds — or are they?
- **WHAT IF #20** — What if the Avengers had fought the Kree-Shrill War without Rick Jones? An alternate reality that'll knock your socks off!
- **MARVEL TALES #114** — Re-presenting Amazing Spider-Man #137. The cataclysmic conclusion of Spidey's battle with the re-born Green Goblin.
- **STAR TREK #1** — Rumor has it overt! At last — Mighty Marvel un-leases the first part of its awesome adaptation of the movie of the year. Quite possibly the most incredible space fantasy you'll ever read!
- **MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #82** — Counter-Earth is missing! And only the Thing and guest-star Moundragon can hope to find it!
- **CAPTAIN AMERICA #244** — Cap takes on the Amazing Adonis!
- **GHOST RIDER #43** — A sinister sorcerer separates Johnny Blaze from the Ghost Rider! You've got to read it to believe it!
- **AVENGERS #194** — A mystery villain! The secret of the man called "Seifer" Plus: A behind-the-scenes peek at it in Avengers Magazine!
- **X-MEN #132** — "Showdown With The Hellfire Club!"
- **MARVEL FUN & GAMES #5** — Puzzles, mazes, and brain teasers galore as you match wits with the Bullpen's Best!
- **THOR #204** — Beginning this issue The Quest for the Ring of the Nibelung!
- **TALES TO ASTONISH #5** — Re-presenting "Sub-Marine" #5. Eric, Dr. Dornes and Tiger Shark!
- **FANTASY MASTERPIECES #5** — Re-presenting Silver Sailer #5. The Sailer takes on the dreaded "Stranger." Guest-starring the far-out Fantastic Four!
- **MARVEL SUPER-ACTION #18** — Reprising the "Invisible" forgotten last appearance of the Villain from AVENGERS #5!
- **AMAZING ADVENTURES #5** — Re-presenting part one of X-Men #3. Beware the Blob! Plus: The sense-shattering conclusion of the origin of Cyclops!
- **MACHINE MAN #14** — You and Machine Man must unravel the mystery of "The Man Who Walked Through Walls!"
- **SAVAGE SHE-HULK #3** — The Hulk Wanted for Murder!
- **SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #41** — Spider-Man and Giant-Man team up against Malignant Man!
- **STAR WARS #34** — Epic space battle as the Star Warriors rush to destroy the Empire's demonic Omega Effect in "Thunder in The Stars!"
- **POWER MAN #62** — Luke Cage of the metcity of the Maggie — and only Iron Fist and Thunderbolt can save him!
- **MASTER OF KUNG FU #87** — Sheng Chi seizes the agents of Fu Manchu in the legendary city of Casablanca!
- **CONAN #108** — Conan battles the savage "Sons of the Bear God!"
- **MARVEL'S GREATEST COMICS #87** — Re-presenting Fantastic Four #107. Read curies Ben Grimm of blowing the Thing — or does he? Plus: The Villains of January!
- **MARVEL PREMIERE #53** — Starring the Black Panther, T'Challa uncovers the deadly secret of the Knights of the Dragon Circle!
- **SPIDER-WOMAN #26** — Spider-Woman becomes a criminal! How? Why? It's a shocker!
- **IRON MAN #133** — Iron Man is trapped by the most unexpected foe of all — his own invincible armor! Guest-starring Anti-Man!



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- **SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #80** — Part II of the novel "Conan the Conqueror" by Robert E. Howard.
- **CRAZY #60** — The only thing that could be weirder than last month's Crazy — this month's!
- **HOWARD THE DUCK #4** — Special issue! Direct from Duckworld and directly to you! "Playbook," the magazine for ducks. Featuring fantastic stories of a brave young lovelorn in the impossible world of mallards. Plus the Playbook is review "Duckballs of the Month" and lots more in this price in a duck-bird issue.

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AND
THE THING

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AND SISTERS!

"ARE SURE TO GET A BIG KICK OUT OF THEM!"



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THE HUMAN TORCH in "A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN"



GREAT BALLS OF FIRE, FLAME THROWER WASN'T KIDDING. IT'S TIME TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE!



THE TWO FIERY FOES CONFRONT EACH OTHER BEFORE FLAME THROWER'S LAB. YOUR FIERY FLAMES HOLD NO TERROR FOR ME, TORCH!



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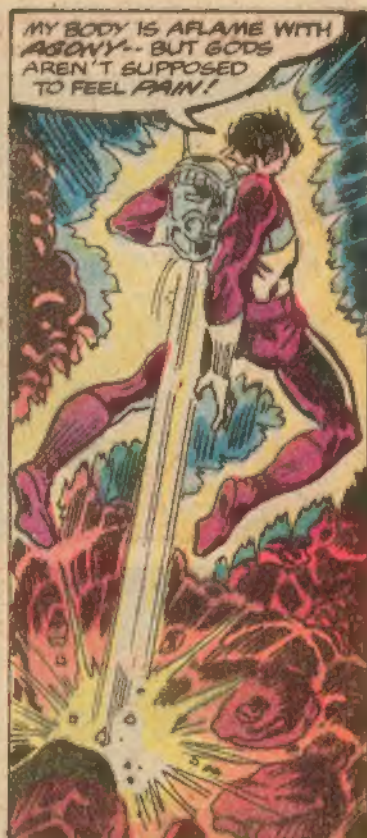
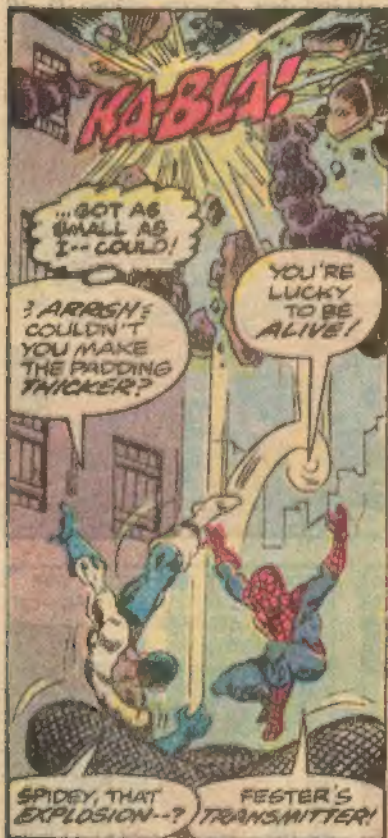
IRRESISTIBLE GOLDEN SPONGE CAKE. CREAMED FILLING, TOO. TWINKIES REALLY LIGHT MY FIRE.



FLAME THROWER'S EVIL PLANS HAVE GONE UP IN SMOKE!



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AT LAST--! **THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR!**